



# Officials Spike Stories of Sale of Greenbelt Project



Thomas Ricker, in corner, hears FPHA-man Joe Everett (back to camera) ask town council and citizens about a package store. —Photo by Nick Pergola

## CCS Asks FPHA Liquor License OK

While the town awaits the result of a referendum next week on the desirability of a liquor store here, Greenbelt Consumer Services has added its application for such an enterprise to the one which precipitated the question filed by its former manager, Thomas B. Ricker. The cooperative will sponsor such a store only if the result of the referendum makes it mandatory.

Investigation of county regulations governing the operation of a liquor store reveal that an application must be signed by the landowner (in this case the Federal Public Housing Authority) and ten landowners in the county. GCS has written the FPHA for their approval.

The question of the exclusiveness of the lease between the Government and GCS has been raised by Mr. Ricker's application for a store here, and the attorneys who drew up the lease back in 1937 are being consulted by the cooperative.

## Special Board Session Hears Discharge Story

General Manager Sam Ashelman presented his charges against Bill Siegel whom he had discharged as manager of the variety store the previous day at a special Greenbelt Consumer Services board meeting Tuesday night. Mr. Siegel, who asked for the privilege of a hearing before the personnel grievance committee of the cooperative, declined to speak at any length before the board meeting which had been called for the sole purpose of acting on the discharge.

Indications that the former store manager had held scarce goods in the back room for distribution, and had allowed tobacco to be billed to the variety store account, led him to lose confidence in Mr. Siegel, the general manager said.

Charges against the former store manager enumerated by Mr. Ashelman included his lack of cooperation with Butler Brothers with whom GCS has a contract of long standing, care as to his appearance, circulating rumors, failing to be on the job regularly, and being negligent in observing OPA regulations.

The board will consider Mr. Siegel's case further tonight at its regular meeting. However, changes in the set-up of the committee are planned before the case is referred, as the resolution establishing the committee made no distinction between managers and other employees.

Dayton Hull, president of the cooperative, pointed out that handling a case of a discharged manager differs from that of an employee as the general manager must have real confidence in the

## Citizens Will Air Liquor Question Mon. Fourteenth Editor Takes Over Paper

Community opinion on the question of whether or not the people of Greenbelt want a liquor store will be aired at a special meeting of the Greenbelt Citizens' Association to be held at 8 p. m. next Monday, August 6, in the auditorium of the Elementary School.

Considerable excitement has been generated in town on this question which arose from Mr. Thomas B. Ricker's request for a lease to build and operate a packaged liquor store, a request which prompted the Federal Public Housing Authority to ask the Town Council's attitude. In turn, the Council voted unanimously to conduct a referendum by mail of all residents 21 years of age or over whose names appear in the official family occupancy records.

"The Citizens' Association desires to make available to all community organizations and citizens an opportunity to discuss the question of a liquor store in Greenbelt and to make their wishes known," stated Association President David Granahan.

More than thirty community organizations have been invited to send representatives and members to the special meeting. Each organization will state its views on the liquor store question and discussion from the floor will be welcomed.

## GHC Plans Call For Local Site

Reaffirming their intention to build their own home in Greenbelt after the war, members of the Greenbelt Homeowners Cooperative, Inc. met Sunday afternoon in regular annual session.

Seven directors were elected for the year: Lt. Dayton Hull, Mrs. June Wilbur, Mrs. Evelyn Cooper, Meyer Volk, W. R. Volckhausen, Raymond Nathan, and Marian Foster.

A report presented at the meeting showed that about sixty members still belonged to the housing co-op, over half of them in Greenbelt, but that many were to be considered inactive and not now interested in building. The blueprints, utility surveys, and other data completed in 1941 was declared to be in safekeeping and ready for revision and use when building priorities were eased.

The corporation no longer has a lease on the tract of ground west of Woodland Way, but is notifying Federal Public Housing Authority of its continued desire to use that area as soon as conditions permit.

New memberships will be accepted from families who want to build their own homes in Greenbelt, but no drive will be started yet.

ability and loyalty of his assistants.

Until final action by committee and board, Mr. Ashelman's discharge of Mr. Siegel stands.

At a meeting of the board of the Greenbelt Cooperative Publishing Association held last Friday evening Mrs. Eleanor Ritchie, who resigned as assistant editor last week, was appointed editor-in-chief of the Cooperator to serve until the regular fall election, which is held in November.



RITCHIE of Cooperator "chief".

Carolyn Miller was chosen to act as secretary of the Board, which also includes Don Cooper, holding the offices of president and treasurer, and Anne Hull, vice-president. The board voted to accept Mrs. Hull's recent resignation as editor "with extreme regret and deep appreciation for her past services".

At a staff party given for the retiring editor on the eve of her departure for a month's stay in New England, she was presented with a record album of Bach organ music as a farewell gift from her colleagues.

## Registration Dates

All citizens who wish to vote in the coming Town Council election can be registered at the office of Mrs. Bertha Bonham, town clerk, every Monday evening during August from 7:30 p. m. to 10:00 p. m. The office will be open for voters during the day, also. Registrations will close on September 1.

## Correction, Please

GCS Manager Sam Ashelman has asked the COOPERATOR to correct a statement which appeared in The Evening Star of July 27. Mr. Ashelman was quoted as saying that his predecessor had failed to take advantage of the "bail-out" period whereby the store could have secured new stamps from the OPA to take care of normal losses.

As explained in the report from Lieutenant (j. g.) Dayton W. Hull, president of the cooperative, which was circulated throughout Greenbelt on Saturday, it was the responsibility of the present management to avail themselves of the bail-out privilege. The shortage, however, was not known to Mr. Ashelman until too late.

## Maj. Long Cites Policy Dispute In Resignation

Disagreement with the policy of the Greenbelt Consumer Services board of directors which has long believed in non-intervention in management problems led Major Adelbert H. Long to submit his resignation last Friday night.

Major Long stated that he believes the board should be authorized by the membership to check directly and not necessarily through the general manager into trouble spots in the organization for fact-finding purposes only.

In his capacity as chairman of the management committee, Major Long proposed a motion empowering that committee to meet with employees and without the manager in determining personnel policies. The motion also included meetings between the board and management and between management and employees. Defeated on this motion, for which a substitute plan was adopted to permit employee meetings without the presence of either board representatives or management, Major Long tendered his resignation, giving the impression that to his mind this had been a test vote on policy.

As examples of the need for direct inquiry by the board, Major Long, in a typewritten statement made available to the Cooperator, cited an increase in an employee's salary without consulting the store manager, the sugar situation, the shortage in the tobacco shop inventory and inaccurate pricing at the Laurel Hill Store.

He also differed with the board in its decision to employ an assistant general manager, although the rest of the board were agreed that with additional administrative help, direct board inquiry into management problems would be even less necessary than at present.

## Co-Op Gets OPA Permit on Sugar

For reasons of economic necessity, Greenbelt Consumer Services was permitted at a hearing last Friday in Baltimore before the Office of Price Administration to continue selling sugar in spite of a shortage of ration stamps representing over 19,000 pounds.

The plea that an entirely new management had inherited the problem had no effect on Commissioner Allan Carruthers, who conducted the hearing in an atmosphere of complete informality.

The roar of traffic outside the courtroom all but drowned out the voice of the enforcement attorney, and the two reporters present had difficulty in following the proceedings as the group stood before the bench. Then a clear statement of the Commissioner was heard.

"There has been a violation; there must be a suspension," he said.

Upon the plea that the GCS foodstores were the only markets in the community, the suspension was stayed. The Commissioner ruled that the stores could continue to sell sugar, but must get along on the basis of present inventory. It is understood that this will make operations difficult, but the cooperative is free to apply through another OPA office for a larger inventory.

General Manager Sam Ashelman was accompanied at the hearing by board members W. R. Volckhausen and Major A. H. Long, and Citizens Association president David Granahan.

Parsley has about eight times as much Vitamin A and C as lettuce.

## FPHA, Town Mgr., Deny Plan to Sell Town at Present

Surprise and anxiety turned to anger and resentment in Greenbelt Wednesday, as residents realized that they had been duped by two metropolitan dailies not especially noted for accuracy or fairness. Immediate checks with the Town Administration office here and with Federal Housing in Washington revealed that the disclosure played up in the town newspapers had been garbled to include all three of the Greenbelt projects in the sale of vacant property in Greendale, Wisconsin, for additional building by private business.

As explained by the Town office, the three locations were laid out with an eye for future expansion, Greenbelt, the largest, being capable of including 3000 dwelling units, and the other two, Greendale and Greenhills (near Cincinnati), to 2000. Government funds for housing running short, it was decided, but only after eight months of study and planning, to sell the vacant property in the Greendale project to private builders so that the town could be further developed along the original plan. "Greenbelt is not involved," said Jack Bryan of Federal Housing's public relations office. "It will continue to operate as now."

The homes in Greendale, which are nearly all either separate dwellings or duplexes, have been offered for sale to their tenants for some time, as was stated in the Greendale Review, a resident publication which is received in the Cooperator office. Even in Greenbelt itself before the war, the Cooperative Homeowners were permitted to take a lease on a vacant wooded tract to do their own homebuilding. The plans in this case also were to conform to the original layout of the town, with the yards away from the street and the greenbelt around the residences.

"There is no plan at present for the sale of Greenbelt," said Town Manager James Gobbel, when consulted at his office Wednesday afternoon. The Cooperator was told by FPFA that when any plan comes up, the residents will be notified before the town newspapers are.

## GCS to Vote on Hiring of Former Board Member

A proposal to employ Thomas B. Ritchie, former member of the board of directors, as part-time office manager and chief accountant of Greenbelt Consumer Services will be presented to the membership by general manager Sam Ashelman at the quarterly meeting August 22 as a measure to improve office efficiency and financial controls.

Recommendation that the services of Mr. Ritchie, office manager of Rochdale Cooperative in Washington, be shared by GCS and Rochdale was recently made by Lou Englander, of the Cooperative League Accounting Bureau, who performs the quarterly audit for GCS. Mrs. Addie Sowell, supervisor of the GCS office, told the Cooperator that she will welcome the addition of Mr. Ritchie to the staff.

A by-law provision prohibits the employment, without membership approval, of directors or members of their immediate families until one year after the expiration of their term of office.

All the flavoring herbs, such as parsley, which have thus far been analyzed have proved to be higher in either vitamins A, C or G than lettuce.



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## AFTER THOUGHT

Now that the excitement has died down and Greenbelt residents have been reassured by statements from those in a position to know that the town will not be sold out from under them, several considerations come to mind which merit serious thought by our citizens.

First of all: shocking as it was, the story could be, and was, easily checked and found to be misleading and unsubstantiated. What about the stories that are not run with banner heads, which are just as twisted and careless of fact but do not impel people toward the telephone for confirmation?

Secondly, what about the danger of publishing such an account without sticking to the facts, when there are men in the service overseas who may see only the story according to the Daily News, and, having no opportunity to check on it, be unnecessarily disturbed over the situation of their families in view of the housing shortage around Washington?

And finally, should not the tenants start planning now their course of action for the "indefinite future" when the Government does decide to turn over the project to the people who live in it, or to private enterprise? Other projects have been sold to mutual housing corporations started by the residents themselves, at a price much lower than the tremendous cost of building which was upped by the payment of emergency funds to the workers. Those who are charter members of the community and those who want to make Greenbelt their permanent home have several courses open to them. We call upon the Citizens Association and the other groups in town, to get together and talk this thing over.

## SUGAR SCOOP

On the eve of V-E Day there was great indignation among press services covering Allied Headquarters over a premature announcement of the great news which correspondents had pledged not to release until authorized to publish. Newspaper reporters have been barred from the White House and other centers of information for failing to observe the courtesy of keeping certain matters "off record" until the full story could be given. The COOPERATOR, which depends on the goodwill of town organizations for its news sources, finds itself in the position of having held the sugar shortage story for further developments until OPA records, which are open to the public, reached the pages of the Washington newspapers.

True, the background of the situation was not investigated, nor did the big dailies concern themselves with the present status of the problem; still, the local paper was scooped good, and can only devote itself now to filling in the picture as fully and fairly as possible.

It all boils down to a question of divided loyalties. Most of the volunteer staff of the local newspaper are connected in some way with other organizations and find themselves in the position of Pooh-Bah, who held so many offices that he could veto in one capacity a proposal made by himself in another. The solution is to spread out the jobs so that more people share in the things that must be done, and fewer people have to keep their right hands in ignorance of what their left hands are doing.

## "Toots"

Last Sunday's concert by the Greenbelt Community Band was cancelled because of bad weather. The ruling on last-minute cancellations is this: If it is raining at 5 p. m. on the Sunday of the concert, the program will be postponed until the next week.

This week's program will feature as soloists Dick Myers, trumpet, and Patsy Griggs, saxophonist. Overture of the evening is to be that popular favorite, rated by the U. S. Marine Band as the most popular of all overtures for band, "The Poet and Peasant," by Von Suppe. Also on the schedule are Victor Herbert's "Al Fresco" and a medley overture, "Selections from the Bohemian Girl," by Balfe.

These concerts are held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p. m. in front of the Elementary School.

In 29 months overseas the 57th Fighter Group of the 12th Air Force has flown 30,000 sorties.

## Co-Op All Over

Mr. Thomas Taylor, the official of the Scottish Wholesale Society, who recently spoke to G.C.S. employees, was wearing a Co-op suit, shirt and underclothes and even a Co-op watch and glasses.

## Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints

Summer Schedule of Meetings  
Sunday  
Social Room—Elementary School  
Sacrament Services—11:45 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

Week-day Meetings  
\*Priesthood meeting—Wednesday at 8:30 p. m.  
\*Relief Society—2nd Tuesday of each month, 8:15 p. m.  
\*Primary—2nd and 4th Thursday of each month, 4:30 p. m.  
\*For information regarding place of meetings call Greenbelt 5338 or 3612.

## On the Liquor Issue:

To the Editor:

We, the members of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses of the Greenbelt Community Church, wish to call your attention to the referendum on the question of the liquor store.

It is a question of values. Among the many things desired,  
(1) We need church buildings.  
(2) We need a teen-age club.  
(3) We need a laundry.  
(4) We need an adequate north-end store.

There are so many vital services essential to the welfare of our community that we do not need nor want a liquor store.

George A. Edmunds, Chairman  
Mrs. Ralph Neumann, Secretary

Because the question of whether or not we shall have a liquor store in Greenbelt is of community-wide importance, I wish to urge our townspeople to participate in the Town Meeting that has been called by the Citizens Association for the evening of August 6th and to urge that every qualified voter express his or her opinion through the referendum that is being provided for by the town officials.

MRS. WELLS HARRINGTON,  
President, Elementary School  
Parent-Teacher Association

As a leader among some of the boys and young men of Greenbelt, it is apparent to me that this community would not be improved by the addition of a liquor store.

JOHN E. WALDO

The Community Church Guild wants to publicly sanction the action of the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses and also to express our own opinion that in view of the many, many things we need here so much more than we do a liquor store, we sincerely hope that everyone interested in the welfare of Greenbelt and of our young people will vote against the licensing of such a store.

COMMUNITY CHURCH GUILD,  
Mrs. George Wyant, President  
Mrs. Phillips Taylor, Acting Secy.

The proposal to build a liquor store in Greenbelt met with all kinds of opposition at the Town Council meeting on Wednesday, but the one that struck closest to home was a question by Mrs. Leon Benefiel. She asked why a Youth Center had been refused the Teen-Agers of Greenbelt on the grounds that there were no materials available, and yet a liquor store had been given serious consideration.

Now, the main issue in my mind—and in the minds of many other people—seems to be this: Do we need a liquor store more than the kids need a decent Youth Center? The answer is obvious. Liquor can be bought at very little inconvenience, in Mt. Rainier, or out on the Pike at Town Hall. But a meeting place for teen-agers is an immediate necessity and has been a necessity for some years.

The old Athletic Club House is scheduled to be torn down shortly. Mr. Gobbel was approached not long ago by a representative of the Youth Club, who offered to rent the site and pay \$1,000 toward the building of a new Youth Center. The Town Manager refused, giving no reason save that "materials were not available and a community building is to be erected after the war".

If Mr. Ricker can find materials for a liquor store, certainly the FPHA can find material for a Youth Center... unless, of course, there are personal interests concerned, about which the public knows nothing!

DONN O'NEILL  
Editor, GREENBELTER  
(Teen-agers' own newspaper)

(Note: Because of this editorial, the Recreation Dept., which sponsors the Drop-Inn, has refused to allow the GREENBELTER to be affiliated with the Youth Club.)

## Meet Mrs. Ritchie

### Letter from Ex-Ed

Our predecessor, Don O'Reilly, started the custom. We see no reason at all for not continuing the formality of introducing the new editor to the Greenbelt public.

You readers are lucky to have Eleanor Ritchie as your next editor. Possessing journalistic know-how, she is also tolerant, alert, and endowed with a keen sense of humor. Her naturally sharp wits have been polished by extensive legal training. The recent improvement in headlines and make-up is directly attributable to "Ellie", as she is known by the staff. Her high school paper down in Georgia used to walk away with all the National Interscholastic Press Association prizes, we've learned.

A true liberal, Ellie is delighted with Clement Attlee's victory in the recent English elections. Neither would we keep from you that she's a Cooperator (but not holier-than-thou about it). The charter of the Greenbelt Publishing Association pledges allegiance to "the best interests of the cooperative movement as a whole". The other half of the paper's dual responsibility is to present the community news as fully, fairly and accurately as possible. For our money Ellie is just the gal to fill the bill.

Few appreciate the headaches of being editor of a paper with an all-volunteer staff, a paper, moreover, which has to have its printing and engraving done out of town. Assistant editor for six months, nobody realizes the obstacles more acutely than Mrs. Ritchie. That she is willing to take over calls for a hand, or what is more to the point, many helping hands.

Your new editor loves music, fancy cookery, hates housework, reads everything from Creepy Tales to the Cavalier poets. Feel acquainted now?

In conclusion, we have thoroughly enjoyed being your editor for the past year. Thanks for your criticism, favorable and otherwise, your news tips and your general friendliness. We wouldn't have missed the experience for anything. We also wish to thank our staff, who have labored nobly in our behalf, often without the help or encouragement they deserved.

—ANNE HULL

## Community Church

Greenbelt is to be visited by the radio evangelist, Reverend Dale Crowley, who is to be the guest speaker for Sunday morning. The music will be furnished by a choir directed by Arleigh Westerbeck, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Daniel Neff. Mr. Johnston will be on his vacation, but may be reached through Mrs. Taylor at Greenbelt 3361 for any services needed.

## Hebrew Congregation

Host for this evening will be Leo Mitteldorf, 14-X Ridge Road. As usual, services will start about 8:30 o'clock. Following the services will be an expression of opinion from the congregation relative to the liquor shop proposal.

Since Murray Kaufman left town, the High Holiday choir is in dire need of a bass. Anyone interested in joining the choir please call Greenbelt 4496. Practically all those people who sang last year have expressed a desire to sing again.

Plans for the Town Fair exhibit are progressing and will be presented shortly.

## Catholic Church

Sunday Masses: 7:30 a. m. and 9:30 a. m. in the Greenbelt Theatre; 7:00 a. m., 9:00 a. m. and 11:30 a. m. at Berwyn.

Confessions: Saturday from 7:30 p. m. on at 10-B Parkway in Greenbelt; Saturday at Berwyn from 3 to 5 p. m., and from 7:30 p. m. on.

Novena Devotions: at Berwyn every Wednesday evening at 8 p. m.

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## Greenbelt Consumer Services

## 1945 Town Fair Meeting

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If you have suggestions . . .

If you want to help . . .

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If you are on a Fair Committee . . .

. . . You Are Requested to Attend

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## Len Lemire, Brothers Ward and Cast, Thrill Huge Throng at Sixth Annual Aquacade; Band in Tuneful Support

The recreation department staged its sixth annual water pageant at the swimming pool last Thursday evening under watchful approval of some 4,000 pairs of eyes.

Dana Garrett directed the community band, under its concrete canopy at the lower end of the pool, through a lengthy overture while the crowd assembled, settling down then to furnish musical impetus for the ten acts of the "Aquacade". Mr. Garrett doubled in brass, leading, tooting his trumpet, and dishing out a pleasing brand of emcee patter.

The performers, one hundred strong, ranged from six to eighteen years of age. The youngsters have been put through their aquatic tumbling and dance evolutions since the middle of June by Lois Bowman, Helena Knauer and Eileen Mudd and their feats this night evidenced enthusiastic response to excellent coaching. Many of them have been in Mrs. Bowman's Red Cross swimming classes the while. Costumes, colorful and inexpensively put together, were made by cooperative mothers from patterns selected by the pageant directors.

Since a large portion of the spectators was on the youthful side, the most appealing acts were the comic bathing beauty parade of pool lifeguards and attendants, in which Rene "Peachy McSea-weed" Ward was adjudged the winner; and a comic diving act by the same crew. Biggest laugh of the night peaked when lifeguard Stanley Fickes, standing on a lower diving board, heaved his lifering (intertube A-1-A priority) upward, striking Rene Ward squarely upon his posterior and dunking him into the drink from the high board.

Rene and Ritchie Ward and Leonard Lemire entertained with some nicely executed serious dives from high and low boards and permitted no disappointment over D. C. champ diver Jackie Richards' failure to appear. Various swimming routines by the younger groups as well as the more advanced swimmers came in for their share of the applause.

The evening ended with a lineup of the entire cast along the far side of the pool to bid "good night" as the band played the National Anthem. Then the rains came.

## Boggs Gains Swim Meet Record; Bows In National Event

Ernie Boggs had a highly successful evening over at Takoma Park's 50-yard pool Monday in the A. Earle Weeks Memorial Swim Meet. He swam in two backstroke events and returned home with two huge trophies and a second place National A.A.U. medal.

Ensign Brock Mott of the Patuxent River Naval Base led Ernie all the way in the 110 yard National sprint and had a ten-foot margin over the Greenbelter at the finish. Time was 1:15.3.

Much later in the evening, the backstrokers pushed off in the Weeks' 150 yard backstroke open event. Mott assured an easy early lead and it wasn't until Boggs came into the second and final turn that he realized he had a chance to catch the former Naval Academy All-American.

The Shamrock pitcher turned on a different kind of speed at this point and edged up to Mott and nipped that worthy by a scant yard in the fine time of 1:49.9, three-tenths of a second better than the meet record he pushed Pennsylvania's Jim Shand to in 1944.

The beautiful trophies remain in Boggs' possession, at least until the next year's meet. One was awarded for winning the event and the other for being the first D. C. finisher. Ernie has had the latter for all three years of the annual meet and this will be the second time he holds the actual winner's trophy.

Ernie feels in pretty good swim shape after this meet and plans to give a good account of himself in the District A.A.U. Championships Monday week.

The ancient Irish didn't know about vitamins but they used to revive fallen warriors with a drink of fresh animal blood and sorrel leaves.—ECL "Cooperator"

## Track Meet Set For August 9

On August 9 from 9:45 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. the Greenbelt Recreation Department is sponsoring for the third time the Prince Georges County Track Meet for the Recreation Centers of the county. Just as last year the track meet will offer competition in dashes, relays, field events and games. The morning's activities will consist of dashes for both boys and girls with two representatives in each dash from each playground; relays, the 220-yard relay and block relay; and the field events, dodgeball and softball throw, standing broad jump and overhead throw, open to both boys and girls. The afternoon will feature boys' midget and older boys' softball and badminton singles and doubles.

The track meet will be run again on a point system with the points for games increased this year. A trophy will be awarded the playground with the highest number of points at the end of the day and also one to the playground coming in second. Greenbelt has won first place for the past two years, with Hyattsville and College Park taking second in 1943 and 1944 respectively.

Practice for the Greenbelt entrants in the track meet has been held for the past week and will be scheduled the first three days of next week at 10:30 a. m. Those already practicing and any others interested are asked to report to the field at that time so that Greenbelt's list of entries will be complete.

## OUR NEIGHBORS

Hi friends,

Mrs. Jean R. Nance and children have returned from a visit in St. Louis, Missouri with Mrs. Nance's in-laws.

We've learned that Phil Morrell has taken a job as Chief Radio Operator in the TWA Transport Command in which capacity he makes two round trips per month to Europe.

The Dayton Hulls are out of town. Anne and the children are at the family farm in Massachusetts and Dayton is on a field trip in several of the northeastern states.

Mrs. Joseph O'Meara's brother, Sergeant Thomas McGinn, was married in Greenbelt last Sunday to Miss Mary Shuback of Pennsylvania. Sergeant McGinn has recently returned from thirty months duty overseas.

Abe Chasanow left Tuesday on a field trip to the West Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Lieberman with little Judy visited with the Chasanows last week. Mr. Lieberman is Helen Chasanow's brother. This week Helen's sister Mrs. Selma Gross is here with children, Philip and Jeralyn.

Mrs. Samuel Stutz' sister, Miss Gertrude Gross of New York is in Greenbelt for a visit. The Stutz's are leaving Sunday for a vacation in New York.

Another visitor in town is Mrs. Rosa Schwab from Erie, Pennsylvania who is here with her son and daughter-in-law, the Elmer Schwabs.

Mrs. Pauline Trattler and her children have been visiting in New York.

Mrs. Thomas Freeman is in Maryland General Hospital in Bal-

## GREENBELTERS IN UNIFORM

By MRS. CARL DAY  
3-D Crescent Road  
Tel. 5561

### HI NAVY

Sonny Herbert, is home on leave from Bainbridge, Md. After returning to Bainbridge he is expecting orders to be shipped to Camp Shoemaker. The grass is sure getting worn down between 3-C and the Zoelners.

Lt. Bill Kingsley was back in Greenbelt last week. He has been in the U. S. Naval Air Transport Command for two and a half years stationed in Miami, then in Rio de Janeiro and Puerto Rico. He is on his way to Kansas for reassignment. Bill is one of the pioneers of our town and is well remembered for the many parts he played in the Dramatic Club. Bill stopped to see his mother-in-law, Marcia's mother, Mrs. Mary M. Bole, the lady in the Post Office, who wears the beautiful gold Navy wings, a Christmas present from Bill. Bill and Marcia have a baby son born in April in Miami. Mrs. Bole was there at the time, and really had a swell visit with the three Kingsleys.

Cy Turner, Jr., Elec. M. 2/c is now on Saipan, and has been with communications for the past three months.

Tommy Freeman is with Admiral Halsey's Task Force 38 near Tokyo. He wrote his Mom that "there is nothing to worry about, though".

### THE ARMY

Pfc. Ed Storey of 35-K Ridge Road is home from the European Theater of Operations. He was with the 7th Army in Italy, France and Germany, and has a roomful of souvenirs which we have heard about but haven't been able to see.

Leo Boles of 34 Crescent Road has just been promoted to a warrant officer in the Infantry. He is stationed in Germany.

Lt. Waldo P. Johnson is now stationed in Rhode Island as a flying instructor. Mrs. Johnson has been down to Miami and returned to Rhode Island.

### THE MARINES

Lt. Ed Kaighn is now stationed in Okinawa with a Field Artillery unit.

Pvt. Pete Scalise, strong man of the Shamrocks, now in the Marine Corps at Parris Island, S. C., sent Vince Holochwest a postcard hoping that the home team would be the league winner and that he can see a game sometime in the middle of September. Well, the first wish came out all right.

## Shamrocks to Play Cheverly Team at Braden Field Sunday

Manager Vince Holochwest wants his Shamrocks to report to the home diamond promptly at one o'clock this Sunday so that the Cheverly nine can have use of it for practice at two. The game will start as soon after 2:30 as possible.

Ernie Boggs will toe the slab in an effort to close out the first half competition undefeated. The Shamrocks have won 10 straight and Snug Harbor's record is 9 and 1.

Before grapefruit and oranges became part of the standard American breakfast Grandma's family was doing very well with onions, leeks, scallions, chives, garlics... sorrel soup.—ECL "Cooperator"

timore for a check-up and subsequent operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Provost announce the birth of a baby daughter, Pamela Jean, 5 lbs., 14 ozs., at Cheverly Hospital. Mother and baby are fine.

That's thirty for tonight, folks.

## Public Meeting on Town Fair Sunday; Tight Contests Announced

Invitations have been mailed to all civic organizations in town for the second and probably last big public meeting on plans for the 1945 Town Fair. Councilman Fred DeJager will be chairman of the meeting, which will be held Sunday evening, August 5 at 8 o'clock. The Co-op has offered the use of its office over the drugstore, since no other space in town could be obtained for the evening.

"Every Greenbelter who anticipates entering a pan of rolls, a prized melon, or a choice jar of preserves in the coming Fair is invited to meet with us," said Mr. DeJager. Then he added that representatives of all groups planning exhibits or displays during the three-day event, as well as all Fair committee workers, "are not only invited but urgently requested to be on hand Sunday night."

Virtually all details have been completed now on the Fair's budget, program of entertainment, list of contests and exhibits, and decorations. The Planning Committee now working in group meeting every Sunday night, with other work session in between, is now ready to present all it has accomplished to date for public scrutiny. It is hoped that residents who attend next Sunday night's meeting over the drugstore will make valuable last-minute suggestions and improvements which are needed.

## GCS Stores Show Improved Returns

A preliminary audit report presented to the GCS board of directors by Lou Englander of the Co-operative League Accounting Bureau last Thursday night revealed an improvement in all stores except the tobacco shop.

Earnings of \$12,500 for the six months' period and net margin of 2.5% were reported. For the twelve months of 1944, earnings were \$14,078 and the net margin 1.4%.

The drugstore, after administrative costs, is in the black. The valet shop losses were reduced approximately \$900 over the first quarter of this year.

The audit indicated that gross margins in the tobacco store were about 6% lower than last year. An additional inventory and check of purchases for this store was made on Monday night, but results were not available before the Cooperator went to press.

## Greeks Had No Edi

Reading in the GREENBELTER of the recently-formed Mu Edi Pi fraternity gives rise to the reflection that kids who don't know their Greek letters have no business aping their big brothers and sisters by forming secret societies.

Entry blanks for eight Town Fair contests will be ready early next week, the Planning Committee has promised. Cash prizes and ribbon awards have been arranged for winners during the three-day exhibit at the end of August.

The list of contests is similar to that of 1941:

Baked goods—bread and rolls, Thursday; cakes and pies, Friday; cookies and fancy breads, Saturday.

Canning and preserving—fruit, vegetables, jellies and jams, juices, pickles, and preserves.

Needlecraft—sewing, "new clothes from old", quilts, knitting, embroidery, and infants' wear. Hobbies and oddities—oddities and antiques, collections, models (other than planes), and handicraft.

Model airplanes—gasoline engine, rubber band, glider, and non-flying models (for contestants under 18 years of age).

Vegetables—classes to be announced later.

Flowers—classes to be announced later.

Photography—amateur pictures, and professional pictures.

In the program of entertainment there are additional contests with prizes:

Dancing—jitterbug, fox trot, and waltz; "Truth or Consequence"; rolling pin throw; bathing beauties; athletic contests, races and games.

Judges from outside of town are being obtained for most of these contests.

Sponsoring organizations will have entry blanks and rules available, and a complete and more detailed list of contests will be announced in a door to door circular later this month. Copies of entry blanks and rules for all contests will also be available at the drugstore.

One feature of former fairs—the yard and garden contest—is being dropped this year, since prize money was not available.

## Teen-Agers Scoop

The GREENBELTER, teen-age paper, recently claimed one of its first "scoops" with the publication of an article announcing the intended resignation of Anne Hull as COOPERATOR editor.

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## Barber Shop . . . PRICE CHANGES

Effective Monday, August 6, PRICES in our BARBER SHOP will be INCREASED to the following schedule:

HAIRCUTS FOR MEN .....75c  
HAIRCUTS FOR CHILDREN .....60c

Haircuts for children (rush hours) 75c after 5 p. m. Mon. through Fri.  
or after 1:00 on Sat.

Since barbers are paid on a percentage of sales basis it has been found impossible to secure and retain the services of enough barbers for Greenbelt under the old price scale.

Following a price check of other shops our Board of Directors believes the new prices are in line with competitive prices, and therefore within the established policy of our cooperative.

We certainly hope the action will accomplish the purpose for which it is intended—namely to improve the service in Greenbelt.

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## 35 Canteen Members Get Stripes on 3d Anniversary



Mrs. Ralph Simmons, executive secretary of the Prince Georges County Red Cross, looks on as Mrs. Henry Brautigam and Mrs. Elizabeth Fickes receive their service stripes from Mrs. D. J. Neff, canteen chairman, in third anniversary ceremonies of the Greenbelt Canteen Unit held at the home of Mrs. C. Paul Barnhart (right) in Cheverly.

Ceremonies marking the third anniversary of the Greenbelt Red Cross Canteen Unit were climaxed with the awarding of service stripes to thirty-five members of the unit. The group gathered at the home of Mrs. C. Paul Barnhart, former Greenbelt resident and charter member of the canteen, who now resides in Cheverly.

Third year service stripes were presented to Mrs. Barnhart, Mrs. James Beck, Mrs. George Clark, Mrs. Elizabeth Fickes, Mrs. A. N. Gawthrop, Mrs. Herbert Hall, Sr., Mrs. Thomas Freeman, Mrs. Dan Littlefield, Mrs. D. J. Neff, Mrs. O. M. Slye, Mrs. Martha Keith and Mrs. Ella Spicer.

Second year stripes went to Mrs. Robert S. Fleharty and Mrs. George Fair.

Canteen aides receiving their first year stripes were: Mrs. Henry Brautigam, Mrs. H. Clayton Ayler, Miss E. Dove, Miss B. Godfrey, Mrs. Walter Hughes, Miss Dorothy Neff, Miss Janet Neff, Mrs. Ralph N. Neumann, Mrs. Douglas E. Nickerson and Mrs. Arthur Wet-

Activities of the Greenbelt Canteen, largest in Prince Georges County, during the past year include the serving of refreshments to servicemen at Andrews Field and Camp Ord and assistance at mobile blood donor stations, amounting to a total of 1,225 hours of volunteer service to the Red Cross. Officers of the Canteen are: Mrs. Neff, chairman; Mrs. Slye, vice-chairman; Mrs. Gawthrop, blood donor chairman; Mrs. East, sanitation; Mrs. Clark, service; and Mrs. Brautigam, recorder.

### Miriam Cutsail Marries Charles Ely

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cutsail announce the marriage of their daughter Miriam L. to Charles Rex Ely, WT 2/c of the Navy on Sunday, July 15 at 3 p. m. The ceremony took place in the Presbyterian church in Rushville, Illinois, the Rev. Guy M. Kinman officiating at a double ring ceremony. The couple was attended by the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. Victor Chockley as matron of honor, and Stg. Harold E. Brooks of the USAAF.

The bride was attired in a gown of white taffeta with veil and carried yellow roses. Her attendant wore a black and white costume and carried red roses.

The bridegroom enlisted in the Navy in Illinois more than three years ago, and participated in the Philippine liberation in the Pacific. He has been granted a twenty-day leave which he and his bride are spending with friends in Burlington, Iowa.

### G. C. S. Sheet Is Off the Press

The Greenbelt Consumer, semi-monthly publication to be put out alternately by the management and membership of Greenbelt Consumer Services, made its first appearance at the town's front doors Monday in a green-and-black format.

## Roaming O'Reilly Reports on Europe

Coast Guard photographer and former COOPERATOR editor Don O'Reilly left for the Pacific last Thursday. For the past few months Don has been taking pictures "at the rate of 300 a week" for the Coast Guard while sailing aboard transports bound for Naples, Trinidad, Le Havre and Southampton.

Don reports he's been taking a lot of pictures of America bound personnel lately, shots with "home-town appeal". The COOPERATOR will be printing one of them any week now.

"There's no such think as going to a restaurant in England," reports O'Reilly. All military personnel are fed at Red Cross stations. "I didn't see any place I wanted to eat at in Le Havre".

"In some places they have plenty of money," Don said, "But it doesn't do them any good. There's nothing to buy."

### Loftus Passes Test

At a Boy Scout board of review Tuesday evening Joe Loftus, Silver Fox patrol, passed his second class examination.

Troop 202 gave an investiture ceremony for new Boy Scouts, all members of the Eagle Patrol, at their meeting Tuesday night: Tom Schubert, Bill May, and Bruce Taylor.

## CLASSIFIED

**RATES**—for classified advertising: 3 cents per word, minimum 50 cents. Phone 4151 or bring to basement of 8 Parkway Tuesday night.

**RIDE NEEDED**—in September to Silver Spring or vicinity of Montgomery-Blair Senior High School. Hours fairly flexible. Emily Holloway, 6-F Parkway. GR. 2571.

**RIDE WANTED**—vicinity 12th and Independence, S. W., hours 9 to 5:30. Edith Nicholas, 18-F Crescent Road. GR. 3314.

**RADIOS REPAIRED**, called for and delivered. Telephone 3571.

**WASHING MACHINES AND VACUUM CLEANERS**—Sales and service. Pick-up and delivery. James T. Chenault, 6210 Rhode Island Ave., Riverdale. WA. 4433 and WA. 4662.

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## Cinematters

Theater Manager Jack Fruchtman was questioned recently about revivals and stated that his policy does not depend on requests or bookings but on the choice between an old good movie rather than a new bad one. Pictures are selected on the basis of old popularity, current power, and condition. *Northwest Passage* is a good example, as it still retains its box office appeal, and its color and exciting adventure scenes make it ideal for a Saturday showing.

Answering an inquiry about *Waterloo Bridge* and *Sign of the Cross*, Mr. Fruchtman said they had been re-filmed in Hollywood with the addition of new scenes and better sound.

Perhaps many of you are wondering about a re-showing of *Fantasia*. For a while you will have to remain disappointed, because it has not yet been re-released by the Disney studios, and cannot be shown at the present time.



If you have a secret dread of the needle used on Red Cross blood donors, come around to the Town Fair any of the three evenings and see how it is done. One feature of the local Red Cross unit's exhibit will be a blood donor demonstration each evening by a gallon-clubber.

No baked goods are going to be wasted on exhibition in this year's Fair. The three different classes will each have a separate day, and entries can then be taken home and eaten at the end of the evening.

Another wartime saving—Entry blanks for the many contests will not be distributed to each house in town as in former years. Get yours at the drugstore after next week or from the organization in charge of the particular contest.

For the kiddies there may be ponies to ride. Fred DeJager is working up a deal on this (but is not signing any notes!).

And for all marksmen—actual and would-be—who remember the Gun Club booth of 1941: the ack-ack machine is coming back for use again if Les Sanders has his way. (George Panagoulis should like this!)

Town Fair "fact of the week": Any Greenbelt resident is eligible to enter any or all of the contests, free of charge.

Town Fair "history item": The 1941 Town Fair had 29 exhibiting organizations; the first Town Fair, in 1939, had 28 groups.

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AN AUDITING COMMITTEE

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Discussion

Questions of vital concern to Greenbelt and G. C. S. will be considered with the present Board members forming a panel to lead the discussion.

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